

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above-identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and re-examination are hereby requested.

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to more clearly point out that the method includes:

passing messages through the message network with such passing messages by-passing the data transfer section;

It is first pointed out that this step is not described in Chung et al. (USP 6,470,389).

Claim 7 points out that the method includes:

incrementing a pointer or counter in the transmitting one of the directors each time a descriptor is ready to be retrieved from the memory in such transmitting one of the directors;

Such step is not described in Chung et al. (USP 6,470,389).

Claim 15 points out that the method includes:

incrementing a pointer or counter in the transmitting one of the directors each time a descriptor is ready to be retrieved from the memory in such transmitting one of the directors;

retrieving such stored descriptor from the memory in such transmitting one of the directors;

decrementing the pointer or counter when the descriptor is retrieved from the memory in such transmitting one of the directors;

Such steps are not described in Chung et al. (USP 6,470,389).

Claims 23-26 have been cancelled

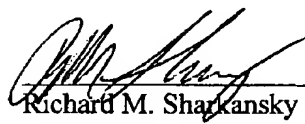
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